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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SEALING AN OPENING IN A WALL IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE TRANSPORT DEVICE SUCH AS A CABLE, CONDUIT OR TUBE HAS

BEEN FED THROUGH

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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

No fee or certification is required.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08):

The following are remarks concerning the information cited:

The relevance of JP 2000-170282 is believed to be indicated in its figures, and in its English abstract obtained online from espacenet.com.

The relevance of JP 2001-270998 is believed to be indicated in its English abstract obtained online from espacenet.com.

The relevance of JP 2002-506185 is believed to be explained by corresponding PCT Application PCT/NL99/00083 published in English.

The relevance of JP2002-506186 is believed to be explained by corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,359,224.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- 2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- 3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. B1215.70011US00, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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